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The Neisse River Bridge in Guben (O 52/A 79) and the railroad line to Sommerfeld, although serviceable since 1 March, were not opened by 18 March 1950. On the Polish side of the bridge the track is still blocked. The bridge in Guben has 14 massive piers. The 7th and 8th piers, counted from the German side of the river, have been reconstructed. The bridge itself is a steel girder structure and is adequate for all loads. The reconstruction of the bridge was motivated by the fact that the railroad bridge in Forst (O 52/A 77) needed repair and should be blocked to traffic. However, it is still in operation.

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a. The bridge concerned is the southern railroad bridge in Guben. Its pinpoint location is shown on the attached aerial photograph. The repair of this bridge and the intended opening of the Sommerfeld (O 52/A 97) - Sagan (C 52/B 26) - Breslau (P 52/C 41) line crossing this bridge was previously reported.*

b. The railroad bridge over the Neisse River near Forst has been rebuilt as a temporary structure. However, a permanent reconstruction of this bridge

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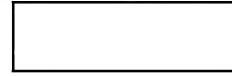
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is expected in view of the importance of the railroad line crossing it. In the event that it should be blocked to traffic the southern bridge in Guben seems to offer the best rerouting possibilities.

1 Annex Photograph of the Bridge Area.



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POLAND: POLISH ADMINISTERED GOMEL' 51 57 N 24 04 E. March 1950
Railroad network. South Bridge steel girder structure, 1½ piers; track
still blocked on Polish side of bridge.

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